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Dear FDA,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the unnecessary and costly rules that the Center for Science in the Public Interest has asked you to consider.

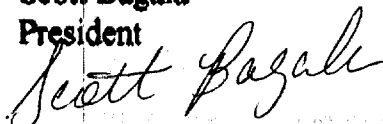
As an individual who works in the oyster industry, I can inform you that these rules will impose great economic damage on everyone whose lives depend on the demand for fresh oysters. If these proposed regulations were to be passed, it would drive me out of business. I simply cannot afford to lose sales as a result of treated oysters.

Americans have a choice to smoke cigarettes in spite of the health hazards and warning labels. Oyster consumers should have equal rights. They should have the right to choose between treated oysters and fresh oysters.

As an oyster farmer and oyster consumer, I strongly urge FDA to reject these rules and continue to support ISSC to proceed with the educational activities.

Thank you,

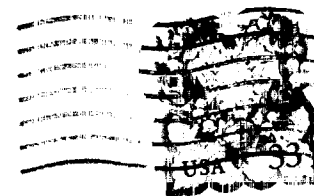
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